



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

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Glendale Family Bike Ride.

Join us for the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Registration is from 7 to 9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m.

This event is for all levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways. GUS the Bus continuously circuits the route to pick up any riders struggling with disabled bikes or aching legs.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10. The first 500 riders that preregister will receive a t-shirt.

[Click here](#) to register online.

City Accepting Applications for Community Development Advisory Committee.

If you have ever thought about serving on a Glendale citizen advisory group, the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) might be of interest to you. Glendale is currently accepting applications for this committee with new responsibilities previously held by the Housing Advisory Commission. *Neighborhood Representation is important to the success of this program, so please consider applying.*

CDAC makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to eligible area non-profit groups; advises City Council on policies related to the city's Community Housing programs and the city's Community Action Program (CAP). This committee also provides general advice on human services in Glendale as related to the administration of these programs.

Glendale's citizen advisory groups assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific issues and then forward their recommendations to the Council.

To request an application to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee, or any of Glendale boards and commissions, call the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or visit glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions. In order to be eligible, board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Residents' Input Sought For GO Transportation Program. Just over nine years ago Glendale voters approved Proposition 402, which dedicated a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and created the city's Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program. To date, the program has resulted in expanded transit services, enhanced traffic flow, improved safety at intersections, and further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Additional improvements are scheduled during the next several years.

The 7th Annual GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7:00 p.m., April 13 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions on such projects as the Light Rail, Grand Avenue, the Northern Parkway, Loop 303, and the Grand Canal and New River bicycle paths. For more information call 623-930-2940.

Loop 101 Restrictions this Weekend. Loop 101 northbound will be **closed between Peoria Ave. and Bell Rd.** for the HOV lane project. The closure will take place from 11 p.m. Friday, March 11 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12 and again from 7 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday, March 13. Consider 91st Ave. to eastbound Cactus Road to northbound 75th Avenue as an alternate route.

Loop 101 northbound will be **narrowed to one lane between Indian School and Camelback roads** from 10 p.m. Friday, March 11 until 5 a.m. Monday, March 14 for the HOV lane project. Allow extra travel time and consider alternate routes, including 91st Ave.

[Click here](#) for more information on the HOV lane project. [Click here](#) for a full list of weekend freeway closures.

Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up. Twice a year, the city of Glendale's Sanitation Department offers free Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up. Residents can call in through March 25 to request the service. Collections will be scheduled for March 21 through April 8.

The service not only helps residents avoid transporting dangerous products, but helps keep regular garbage collections safer. The improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can cause problems for the entire community. Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors that can harm city workers or others. In fact, Glendale Fire responds to 300 household hazardous waste incidents a year.

Residents can sign-up for a free household hazardous waste pick-up service by contacting the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 before March 25. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis for up to 750 households.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

For more information, [click here](#) or call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. Join us for the Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 19 & 20 at [Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area](#), 9802 N. 59th Ave. Come out and enjoy over 200 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. [Click here](#) for the schedule of activities including historic site tours, blacksmith demonstrations, children's stage and activity area and workshops led by accomplished entertainers. Admission and most activities are free. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Live at the Library. Join us for one of the West Valley's most popular monthly musical series – Live at the Library. The series is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On March 24, Shay Venio and Jane Hilton will perform. This talented duo will provide an evening of heart-lifting Celtic tunes. For more information about the free music programs at the Glendale Main Library, call 623-930-3573.

Disaster Preparedness Class for Graduates of GU. If a natural disaster hit Glendale, how would the city respond? How would you respond? A new class sponsored by Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office will educate residents on the city's emergency plan.

Registration is now open for this continuing education class for Glendale residents who have previously graduated from Glendale University's series of 101 classes. This two-session graduate course is an opportunity to find out how the city prepares for emergencies and organizes in response to disasters. Students will learn about the laws, processes and issues surrounding disaster preparedness, response and recovery. In addition, the class includes valuable information about how residents can help themselves and their families during a time of crisis.

This disaster preparedness course will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31 at the Glendale Training Facility, 11550 W. Glendale Ave., located west of the Glendale Landfill.

For more information, or to register online, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2868. The deadline to register is March 25.

Green Festival, March 26. The fourth annual Glendale Green Festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at 5959 W. Brown Street.

This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation, and other green-living practices. [Click here](#) for event details.

Acoustic Jam. The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style with fellow musicians. The jam sessions are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. An audience is welcome. The next Acoustic Jam is scheduled on March 30. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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